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### **Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office In Miami**

MIAMI - Carey R. Holliday was sworn in today as an immigration judge for the Miami Immigration Court during an investiture ceremony at the David Dyer Federal Courthouse. Acting Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

Judge Holliday joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 53 immigration courts throughout the nation. Immigration judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, immigration judges completed more than 300,000 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

**Carey R. Holliday** was appointed as an immigration judge in May 2006. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1974 from Louisiana State University and a juris doctorate in 1977 from the Paul Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University. From 1992 to May 2006, Judge Holliday served as a senior litigator with the Louisiana Department of Justice and from 1991 to 1992, he served as general counsel in the Louisiana Department of Insurance in Baton Rouge. He was in private practice from 1981 to 1991 and served as a staff attorney for the Louisiana State Senate from 1977 to 1981. He is a member of the Louisiana Bar.

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*the Board of Immigration Appeals, which primarily conducts appellate reviews of immigration judge decisions; and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, which adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to providing the fair, expeditious, and uniform application of the nation's immigration laws in all cases.*

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